**WTO Technical Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for Asia Region**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 23 to 25 May 2023**

**Agenda**

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| **Workshop for Asian Trade and Fisheries Officials** | |
| **Tuesday, 23 May 2023** | |
| 9h30-10h00 | Welcome and Introductions   * *Keynote speech [TBD]* * *Introduction by WTO Secretariat [TBD]* |
| 10h00-11h15 | * Global state of fisheries resources and state of fisheries subsidies * International fisheries governance – overview of relevant legal instruments * Open discussion |
| 11h15-11h30 | Coffee Break |
| 11h30-13h00 | * Regional mandates on fisheries: the Asian Perspective   *- Presentation by [TBD]*   * Subsidies rules in the WTO other than the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (GATT, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Agriculture subsidies) * Open discussion |
| 13h00-14h30 | Lunch |
| 14h30-15h45 | * History of the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement * Brief overview of the MC12 decision on Fisheries Subsidies * Open discussion |
| 15h45-16h00 | Coffee break |
| 16h00-17h30 | * The key disciplines – Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Overfished Stocks and Other Subsidies * Open discussion |
| **Wednesday, 24 May 2023** | |
| 9h30-10h45 | * Cross-cutting issues – Notification and Transparency and Institutional Arrangements, Dispute settlement, Final Provisions * Open discussion |
| 10h45-11h00 | Coffee Break |
| 11h00-13h00 | * Technical assistance and capacity building (TACB) in the Agreement, including the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Funding Mechanism * Asian Perspective and Group Exercise on TACB needs:   + What are the 5 key challenges towards ratification and implementation of the disciplines?   + What technical assistance can address those challenges?   + Which donors/institutions could potentially provide assistance? |
| 13h00-14h30 | Lunch |
| 14:30-17:30 | * Field trip [TBD] |
| **Thursday, 25 May 2023** | |
| 9h30-10h45 | * Fisheries policies, including subsidies and support policies in participating countries - presentations and discussion by participants |
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| 13h00-14h30 | Lunch |
| 14h30-15h45 | * What next – Ratification, Implementation * Presentation from Members on domestic acceptance process |
| 15h45-16h00 | Coffee Break |
| 16h00-17h00 | * Second Wave Negotiations * Fisheries subsidies negotiations and the Asian Perspective   *- Presentation by [TBD]* |
| 17h00-17h30 | Wrap up and Evaluation |